



God's Gold Standard

Revelation 3:14-22 The Church at Laodicea

I. Jesus' Authority (v. 14)

"And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: 'The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God's creation.'"

- A. "The Amen"
- B. "The faithful and true witness"
- C. "The beginning of God's creation"

SIDE NOTE: The city of Laodicea

- 1. Their industries
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
- 2. Their water supply

II. Jesus' Indictment of the Church (v. 15-17)

"I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! ¹⁶So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth. ¹⁷For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked."

- A. "I know your works" (v. 15-16)
 - 1. Not cold
 - 2. Not hot
 - 3. Lukewarm
- B. "For you say..." (v. 17)
 - 1. Rich
 - 2. Prosperous
 - 3. In need of nothing

- C. "...not realizing..." (v. 17 & Matthew 25:31-46)
 - 1. Wretched & pitiable
 - 2. Poor
 - 3. Blind
 - 4. Naked
- D. "I will spit..." (v. 16)

III. Jesus' Counsel (v. 18)

"I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see."

- A. "invest in gold"
- B. "invest in white garments"
- C. "invest in eye salve"

IV. Jesus' Love (v. 19-21)

"Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent. ²⁰Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me. ²¹The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne."

- A. Love's reproof
- B. Love's desire
- C. Love's promise

FINAL WORDS (v. 22) – "Spirit ears"

"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

BIBLE READING PLAN

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